

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-4, 6-10 and 12 have been canceled, and claim 11 has been amended.

The Examiner has rejected claims 5, 6, and 9 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuechenbecker in view of Sasaki et al. (4,835,352).

Applicants respectfully traverses the rejection and requests the the Examiner withdraw the rejection for none of the references show all of the features of Applicant's claimed invention and combination of the multitude of references. Moreover, Applicant's has restricted the only independent claim to a claim only the elements material to the invention s via amendment of the comprising term to "consisting essentially of". Furthermore, claims 6 and 9 have been canceled and incorporated into the only independent claim 5.

The Examiner has rejected claims 8, 10-11 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuechenbecker in view of Sasaki et al. (4,835,352) and Fisher (4,911,938)..

Applicants respectfully traverses the rejection and requests the Examiner withdraw the rejection for none of the references show all of the features of Applicant's claimed invention and combination of the multitude of references. Moreover, Applicant's has restricted the only independent claim to a claim only the elements material to the invention s via amendment of the comprising term to "consisting essentially of". Furthermore, claims 8 and 10 have been canceled and incorporated into the only independent claim 5. Claim depends from claim 5 and is believed to be allowable in view of the dependence on the independent claim 5.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the claims are patentable over the cited references and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests prompt reconsideration and receipt of the formal Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes there are other unresolved issues in this case, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a telephone call at (502) 452-1233 to discuss any such remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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